GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITIONS OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
DUKHA BHAGAT;PRAKASH V. PATIL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the dilapidated road conditions of National Highways and State Expressways in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, facts thereof in particular reference to Ranchi-Gumla highway;

(c) whether Government are also aware that repairing work in many stretches could not be undertaken due to paucity of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantum of funds required for the purpose and allocation made during the Ninth Plan;

(f) whether Government plan to suitably enhance the allocation for this infrastructure sector during the Tenth Plan; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL(RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) : Efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in Maharashtra and Ranchi-Gumla Section of NH-23 in Jharkhand in traffic worthy condition within the available resources. This Ministry is not responsible for State Expressways in Maharashtra.

(c) & (d) : Repair and improvement works on various stretches of National Highways are taken up in phases keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(e) : During 9th Plan, about 40% of requirement of funds for maintenance were made available.

(f) & (g) : Efforts are being made for enhancing the allocation for maintenance and repair keeping in view availability of resources.